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FOR THE YEAR
1956

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ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1956

by

J. CALDWELL, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P. & S., D.P.H.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the district for the year 1956.

The general health of the district is satisfactory and this is borne out by an examination of the Vital Statistics for the year under review.

The Birth Rate shows a considerable rise over last year's figure and is now higher than it has been since the turn of the half century. It is a pleasing feature to note that there were no still births recorded during the year and that Infant Mortality is again below the figure for England and Wales as a whole.

The Death Rate also shows considerable improvement compared with last year and now stands lower than it has been since 1950. As in recent years, however, by far the greatest number of deaths are attributable to disease of the heart or blood vessels.

There were no serious outbreaks of Infectious Disease, but measles was prevalent for several months during the 2nd and 3rd quarters of the year.

The Water Supply in the district continues to be satisfactory except for the supply in the Kimbolton higher parts, Catworth and Stow Longa. This supply is still receiving the attention of the Raunds U.D.C., St. Neots R.D.C. and the Ministry, with a view to improvements in both supply and pressure. A safe and wholesome supply, however, is still maintained, as evidenced by the regular analyses.

No start has yet been made on the Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme in respect of Kimbolton and Gt. Staughton, although it has been approved in principle by the Ministry. It is a pity that, owing to financial difficulties, the completion of the sewage scheme for the remainder of Buckden village has not been approved.

An active start has now been made on the Slum Clearance problem, and out of the 133 houses listed in last year's report over half that number had been dealt with before the end of the year, either by Clearance Orders or by individual house action under Sections 9 and 11 of the Housing Acts, 1936. This will leave only 57 to be dealt with in the remaining 4 years. It is a pleasing feature to note the raising of housing standards by virtue of improvement grants under the provision of Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1949.

In conclusion I should like to thank members of the Council for their consideration and kindness, and also all their officers for their continued help and co-operation.

Your obedient servant,

J. CALDWELL.

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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area : 52,559 acres (approximately 81 square miles).

Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1956 : 2,424.

Rateable Value of the District : £55,132.

Value of a Penny Rate : £210.

Estimated population (Mid 1955) : 7,280.

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COMMITTEES CONCERNED WITH PUBLIC HEALTH**Housing and Public Health Committee :**

Chairman : Councillor Mrs. D. M. Peck.

Water and Sewage Committee :

Chairman : Councillor F. C. Slaughter.

Finance and Rating Committee :

Chairman : Councillor H. Higgins.

Chairman of the Council :

1955/56 : Councillor R. H. Shelley.

1956/57 : Councillor C. H. Lewis, M.B.E.

Clerk to the Council :

D. J. Dear.

VITAL STATISTICS.**LIVE BIRTHS**

	M.	F.	Total	Birth-rate per 1,000 estimated population	
Legitimate ...	67	61	128	...	18.0
Illegitimate ...	-	3	3	(Ditto for England and Wales)	...
Total ...	67	64	131		15.7

STILLBIRTHS

	M.	F.	Total	Rate per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births	
Legitimate ...	-	-	-	...	—
Illegitimate ...	-	-	-	(Ditto for England and Wales)	...
Total ...	-	-	-		23.0

DEATHS (ALL AGES)

	M.	F.	Total	Death-rate per 1,000 estimated population	
	31	36	67	...	9.2
				(Ditto for England and Wales)	..
					11.7

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR

	M	F	Total
Legitimate ...	1	2	3
Illegitimate ..	-	-	-
	1	2	3

DEATH RATES OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR

All infants per 1,000 live births	22.4
(Ditto for England and Wales)	23.3
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...			23.4
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...			—

CAUSES OF DEATH

(Registrar-General's List).

List No.	Causes	Male	Female
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	.. —	—
2	Tuberculosis, other	.. —	—
3	Syphilitic	.. —	—
4	Diphtheria	.. —	—
5	Whooping cough	.. —	—
6	Meningococcal infections	.. —	—
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	.. —	—
8	Measles	.. —	—
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	.. —	—
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	.. —	—
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	.. 1	—
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	.. —	—
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	.. —	—
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	.. 3	2
15	Leukaemia, aleukeamia	.. —	—
16	Diabetes	.. —	—
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	... 5	7
18	Coronary disease, angina	.. 5	4
19	Hypertension with heart disease	.. —	—
20	Other heart disease	.. 3	6
21	Other circulatory diseases	.. —	—
22	Influenza	... 2	1
23	Pneumonia	.. 1	4
24	Bronchitis	.. 3	—
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	.. 1	—
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	.. —	1
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	.. —	—
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	.. —	1
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	.. —	—
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	.. —	—
31	Congenital malformations	.. 1	1
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	.. 2	9
33	Motor vehicle accidents	.. 1	—
34	All other accidents	.. 1	—
35	Suicide	.. 2	—
36	Homicide and operations of war	.. —	—
Total all causes		... 31	36

CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Total cases Notified.
Scarlet Fever	.. 2
Whooping Cough	.. 11
Diphtheria	.. —
Measles	... 66
Acute Pneumonia	.. 3
Puerperal Pyrexia	.. —
Typhoid Fever	.. —
Erysipelas	... 7
Acute Poliomyelitis	.. —
Infective Hepatitis	.. 1
Dysentery	.. 1
	—
	91

TUBERCULOSIS.

Total number on Register at 31st December, 1956 : 55

Pulmonary : 41

Non-Pulmonary : 14

Age Periods

	New Cases Diagnosed.				New Cases—Transfers			
	Respiratory.		Non-Res.		Respiratory.		Non-Res	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0		1						
1		2						
5								
10								
15		1			1			
20	1							
25	1							
35	1	1						
45	1							
55	1							1
65 & Upwards								
Totals ..	5	5	—	—	1	—	—	1

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1952, in connection with persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year the number of children immunised was as follows:

Age at Date of Immunisation	Under				4	5-9	10-14	Total
Primary	1	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	Total
Immunisation	41	45	1	2	1	33	7	130
Secondary or Reinforcing injection	—	—	—	—	8	122	47	177

The following table gives in detail the Diphtheria Immunisation state within the District of children up to the age of 15 years.

Age at 31-12-56 i.e. Born in year	Under 1 1956	1-4 1955-1952	5-9 1951-1947	10-14 1946-1942	Total Under 15
Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster)					
A. 1952-1956	16	336	389	199	940
B. 1951 or earlier	—	—	202	352	554

REPORT OF CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR—YEAR ENDED

31st DECEMBER, 1956

WATER SUPPLY

There has been no major changes during 1956. Delivery of the ball valves and pressure switch cut-outs was expected early in 1957. About three-quarters of a mile of main serving the New Diggings area of Great Gransden was taken over from the R.A.F. Authorities and connected to the Council's main in Gt. Gransden Village to afford a main water supply to several outlying premises in this area.

There has been no real progress during the year with regard to an improved supply from Raunds U.D.C. for the Kimbolton Regional Water Scheme. My Council has done everything possible to obtain a better water supply from Raunds, but it appears that Raunds are not prepared to embark upon an expensive improvement scheme at the present time.

Interruptions in supply of water occurred on 28 occasions due to burst water mains. 18 of these bursts occurred on the Kimbolton Scheme, 9 on the Abbotsley and 3 on the Buckden Scheme. Most of the bursts were due to exterior corrosion of iron pipes or fittings.

2,303 properties are now supplied with mains water and almost all the houses now enjoy this service. 26 houses were connected to the mains water during the year, and water was extended inside 90 houses from outside standpipes.

MAIN PIPED SUPPLIES

Source of Supply.	Parishes Supplied.	Daily Consumption.
a. South Cambs. R.D.C.	Abbotsley, Waresley, Gt. Gransden, Tetworth and Part of Eynesbury Hardwicke.	23,382 galls.
b. Raunds U.D.C.	Kimbolton, Covington, Catworth, Tilbrook and Stow Longa.	45,846 galls.
c. Diddington (St. Neots R.D.C.)	Buckden, Diddington, Grafham, Southoe, Lt. Paxton, Hall Weston, Offords, Gt. Paxton, Toseland, Yelling and parts of Perry.	97,241 galls.
d. Staughton Moor (St. Neots R.D.C.)	Gt. Staughton and parts of Perry.	15,300 galls. (estimated)
e. St. Neots U.D.C.	St. Neots Rural and Eynesbury Hardwicke.	Not known.

H.M. Borstal Institution, Gaynes Hall, has been supplied mainly from Diddington during the year.

The daily average amount of water supplied decreased by one gallon per head per day for all purposes, making a total of 25 gallons per head per day; the unmetered supply decreased by one gallon per head per day to 16 gallons per head per day.

ANNUAL RAINFALL at Gt. Gransden Hall : 22.52 inches, an increase of 3.59 inches over the 1955 figure. Rain falling on 135 days. This is average rainfall for this area.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS ON RAW WATER

12 satisfactory samples were obtained from the Diddington well. The treatment plant functioned properly, as all samples of treated water were satisfactory. All samples from Staughton Moor supply are raw in that this supply receives no treatment.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS ON TREATED WATER

Satisfactory samples obtained during the year were as follows : South Cambs. R.D.C.—12 samples. Raunds U.D.C.—12 samples. Diddington—12 samples. Gt. Staughton—12 samples. In addition, one sample from South Cambs. R.D.C., 2 from Raunds U.D.C. and one from Staughton Moor were classified as doubtful or unsatisfactory due to burst water mains—subsequent samples were all satisfactory.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

One satisfactory sample was taken from each of the four schemes during the year. With the exception of South Cambs. R.D.C., all waters are very hard.

A sample from a private well was found to be doubtful upon chemical analysis. Advice was given to the owner and occupier, and although the water main is some distance away it is hoped to be able to make a main water supply available in the near future.

PRIVATE WELLS

Wells cleansed and repaired : 1. Wells closed as polluted : 4. Number of samples obtained for analysis found to be satisfactory : 5. Unsatisfactory : 9. Action taken : main water laid on where practicable, and in other cases occupiers advised to boil all water intended for human consumption. Some of the unsatisfactory samples were taken from emergency water supplies only and others from houses which have since been demolished.

SWIMMING POOLS

During 1956, a 100,000 gallon swimming pool was completed at Kimbolton Castle for Kimbolton School, including a complete water treatment plant, and the pool was in operation during the summer months. A smaller bath was also completed during the year at Offord School : the only treatment is manual chlorination. In addition, there are two privately owned swimming pools in the area with suitable treatment plants. All the pools are supplied with mains water.

SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Buckden Sewage Disposal Works, the sewers in the village and all drain connections were completed during 1956 and have operated in a satisfactory manner during the year. Nightsoil collection in those parts of the village served by the new sewers is to cease on the 31st March, 1957, and much progress has been made with W.C. conversions under Section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936. Early in 1957 it is hoped to have W.C.'s at all the property affected, apart from houses to be dealt with under Slum Clearance.

It is regretted that the "Credit Squeeze" has not permitted the remainder of the Buckden scheme or the Kimbolton and Gt. Staughton Joint Sewerage Scheme to proceed during the year, especially as the Ministry had authorised the schemes before the "squeeze" was announced. I regard the implementation of the work as most urgent.

During the year a proposal was received for the development of Paxton Park, Little Paxton, as a site for up to 200 houses. The developers have commenced work on the first 11 of these houses and on the laying out of roads and sewers. It is intended to ask the Council to take over the maintenance of the sewers when completed and the problem of sewage disposal is now under active consideration. A scheme has been designed to serve the new estate and the rest of Little Paxton village, with possible future extension to Southoe village, in conjunction with St. Neots U.D.C. It is proposed to sewer these areas and discharge the sewage for treatment at the existing U.D.C. works, which will require some enlargement. 10 piped sewers received attention during the year along with the cleansing of 3 open ditches. Sewage works on the Council's housing sites are regularly dealt with by the Council's cesspool emptier, as one afternoon per week is set aside for this work. 13 repairs were carried out to sewage works. 58 private cesspools and 28 Council cesspools or sewerage tanks were cleansed during the year.

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STATISTICS OF WATER SUPPLIES, W.C.'s, E.C.'s, BATHS, Etc.

	No. of Houses	W.C.s	E.C.s	Baths	Method of Supply Council Water		
					In- side	Stand- pipe	Private Supply
Abbotsley	94	40	54	42	85	7	2
Buckden	366	206	160	191	292	48	26
Catworth	97	32	65	33	74	19	4
Covington	30	19	11	18	26	1	3
Diddington	46	8	38	7	41	—	5
Eynesbury Hardwicke	32	14	18	16	25	—	7
Grafham	72	22	50	22	70	2	—
Gt. Gransden	180	102	78	109	154	18	8
Hail Weston	104	45	59	56	96	6	2
Kimbolton	279	197	82	176	256	20	3
Offord Cluny	109	59	50	62	94	8	7
Offord Darcy	104	40	64	38	85	12	7
Paxton, Great	125	80	45	84	124	—	1
Paxton, Little	90	66	24	68	86	—	4
Southoe-Midloe	87	26	61	35	68	15	4
St. Neots Rural	18	15	3	8	18	—	—
Staughton, Great	270	134	136	157	222	37	11
Stow Longa	32	14	18	16	31	1	—
Tetworth	31	17	14	20	21	—	10
Tilbrook	81	43	38	50	72	5	4
Toseland	42	6	36	8	28	13	1
Waresley	58	31	27	35	48	—	10
Yelling	77	30	47	36	74	1	2
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1956.	2424	1246	1178	1287	2090	213	121
		2424			2424		
1955.	2429	1136	1293	1180	1974	303	152
Differences	5	110	115	107	116	90	31

95% of houses have a mains water supply.

86.22% of houses have a supply inside the house.

51.4% of houses have a W.C.

53.0% of houses have a bath.

52.2% of houses have a bath and W.C.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

There are no changes to report during the year, except that a new Fore and Aft Tipper vehicle was ordered and delivered at the end of the year. The average cost of dealing with each dustbin or pail was 9d.

SALVAGE

Only 5½ cwt. of waste paper were dealt with during the year. One load of rubbish was removed from Hardwicke Lane, Buckden, in co-operation with the County Highway Department and the Police.

PETROLEUM STORAGE LICENCES

3 new licences were issued and 48 were renewed during the year, making a total of 51 on the register.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

22 licences were issued and 1 refused during the year, and the total number of caravans authorised by these licences is now 39. 17 improvements to conditions were made, and generally speaking these dwellings are maintained in excellent condition, with one or two exceptions.

COUNCIL HOUSE MAINTENANCE

1,560 inspections were made and 523 orders were issued for repairs. A further 6 pre-war Council houses were provided with approved solid fuel cooking appliances. A hot water supply, bathroom and W.C. were installed at 24 houses in Buckden, 4 in Gt. Paxton and 8 in Gt. Staughton. The Council are negotiating the sale to them of the 20 prefabricated temporary houses. The roofs of 12 of these houses have been given waterproofing treatment. Wooden floors in several houses affected by rot have been replaced with thermoplastic tiles.

NEW BUILDINGS

181 plans of new buildings or alterations were deposited. 1 plan was altered by the applicants as it did not comply with byelaws. 655 visits were paid to work in progress.

MILK AND DAIRIES

12 retailers are registered with the Council, as all other dealers are producers also and, therefore, under the Ministry of Agriculture. 17 inspections of premises were carried out. On the 1st October, 1956, this district was included in a "Specified Area" under Section 41 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. 8 licences for pasteurised, 7 for tuberculin tested and 4 for sterilised milks were issued.

FOOD INSPECTIONS, INCLUDING SLAUGHTERHOUSES

54 inspections of food premises were made, and several improvements in conditions were noted. 30 premises are registered under Section 16 of the Act and one place has closed down owing to difficulties in complying with the new Regulations.

No Clean Food Campaigns have been held and there are no manufacturers of ice cream in the area. There is no change in the number or type of food premises in the area reported in 1953. A slaughterhouse at Kimbolton continued to operate and the animals inspected were as under. All condemned foodstuffs are either destroyed on suitable boilers or dealt with on the Council's refuse tip. Slaughtering facilities provided by St. Neots U.D.C. continued to serve a number of the Rural butchers.

3 cwt. 3 qtrs. 1 st. of meat, tinned fruit, vegetables, fish and meat were condemned as unfit for human consumption. 105 visits were paid to the slaughterhouse for the purpose of meat inspection. The licences of 6 slaughtermen were renewed on the 1st October, 1956.

CARCASSES & OFFAL INSPECTED & CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR PART

	Cattle Excluding Cows Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	75	Nil	Nil	160	4	Nil
Number Inspected	75	—	—	160	4	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.						
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	4	—	—	6	—	—
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	5.3 %	—	—	3.75 %	—	—
Tuberculosis only.						
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	6	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with tuber- culosis	8.0 %	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticercosis.						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	2	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned	Nil	—	—	—	—	—

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949
REPORT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1957

		Type of Property				
		Non-Agricultural				
		(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses	(3) All Other (inc. Business Premises)	(4) Total of Cols. (1), (2) and (3)	(5) Agricultural
I.	Number of properties in Local Authority's District (Notes 1 and 2)	... 22	2072	167	226	352
II.	Number of properties in- spected as a result of :					
	(a) Notification	... —	49	4	53	6
	(b) Survey under the Act	... 15	35	6	56	12
	(c) Otherwise (e.g., when visited prim- arily for some other purpose)	... —	—	—	—	—

III.	Total inspections carried out—including re-inspections (To be completed only if figures are readily available)	...	170	475	46	691	77	
IV.	Number of properties inspected (in Section II) which were found to be infested by :							
	(a) Rats	Major	...	1	—	3	4	—
		Minor	...	15	72	7	94	12
	(b) Mice	Major	...	—	2	1	3	—
		Minor	...	—	5	3	8	2
V.	Number of infested properties (in Section IV) treated by the L.A. (Figures should NOT exceed those given at Section IV)	...	16	70	13	99	7	
VI.	Total treatments carried out—including re-treatments (To be completed only if figures are readily available)	...	170	419	45	634	56	
VII.	Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act :							
	(a) Treatment	...	—	—	—	—	—	
	(b) Structural Work (i.e., Proofing)	...	—	—	—	—	—	
VIII.	Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Section 4 of the Act	...	—	—	—	—	—	
IX.	Legal Proceedings	...	—	—	—	—	—	
X.	Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	...	8	—	—	—	—	

NOTES

Note 1—

With the exception of agricultural properties, a property means one which is entered separately in the Valuation Roll for the area.

Note 2—

- (i) Premises used by the L.A. for the purposes of trade should be entered in Col. (3).
- (ii) Sewers should not be included.
- (iii) Combined dwelling and business premises, where occupied by the same person, should be regarded as business premises and should be entered in Col. (3). Where the dwelling and business parts of the premises are in separate occupation, separate entries should be made in Cols. (2) and (3).

Note 3—

For the purpose of completing Sections II, IV and V. each property should be entered once only in respect of inspections, infestations or treatments.

NEW HOUSING

4 new Council houses were completed during 1956, making a total of 305 houses built by the Council since 1945. The Council now own 503 houses. 5 houses have been sold. In addition, the Council control 20 temporary houses. All the temporary hutments have now been demolished and the site cleared and made ready for new housing development, and several plots of land have been sold for the erection of private houses. 7 new private enterprise houses were completed during the year and one additional house was provided by conversion.

Housing applications were revised in mid 1956, when it was found that 99 people wished to remain on the waiting list, of which 13 were without separate homes.

HOUSING INSPECTIONS

Some progress has been made with the five-year Slum Clearance programme as indicated in the following table.

Improvement Grant schemes covering 110 houses have been authorised since grants were permitted; schemes covering 38 of these premises were received during 1956. In 66 cases the work has been completed and grants paid, 26 of them during 1956. Many of the authorised schemes are in an advanced stage and will soon be completed.

HOUSING TABLE

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	816
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	1963
(2) Total number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ...	36
(3) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	189

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices:—

(a) Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers, excluding those dealt with by Improvement Grants ...	125
(b) Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit with the assistance of Improvement Grants ...	26

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—

(A) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 11 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ...	10
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners ...	10
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	Nil

(B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	34
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—		
(a) By owners	...	14
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	...	Nil

(C) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936, and Sections 10 (1) and 11 (2) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	12
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	23
(3) Number of houses closed during the year	...	6
(4) Number of families displaced during the year	...	7

A statement may be attached supplementing these sections giving details of the work undertaken either under informal or formal notices.

(D) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	Nil
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	...	Nil

(E) Proceedings under Part III of the Housing Act, 1936, and Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954—CLEARANCE AREAS

(1) Number of Clearance Areas declared during the year		2
(2) Total number of houses included in (1) above	...	8
(3) Number of houses included by reason of unfitness for human habitation	...	8
(4) Number of houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	...	Nil
(5) Number of families displaced during the year	...	Nil
(6) Number of houses demolished during the year	...	Nil

4. Housing Act, 1936—Part IV. Overcrowding :—

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year		1
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	...	1
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	...	4
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year		4
(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year		4
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	13
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	...	Nil
(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	...	Nil

ANALYSIS OF INSPECTIONS MADE :—

Housing	...	486
Council House Maintenance	...	1560
Houses, etc., Under P.H. Act, 1936	...	907
Houses, etc., Under P.H. Act, 1936, revisits	...	570
Supervision erection of new buildings	...	655
Sewers and Sewage Disposal	...	526
Post-war housing	...	72
Dairies	...	17
Bakehouses	...	16
Drains Tested	...	123
Infectious Disease	...	3
Rooms Disinfected	...	1
Water Supply (samples taken bact. 78, chem. 5)	...	908
Scavenging	...	46
Food Premises	...	54
Rats and Mice	...	5
Miscellaneous	...	125
Moveable Dwellings	...	89
Factories	...	65
Historical and Arch. Buildings	...	162
Housing Applications	...	24
Outworkers	...	15
Petroleum	...	4
Overcrowding	...	8
Slaughterhouses	...	105
CLOSET ACCOMMODATION, ETC. :—		
Number of houses with pail or tub closets in arrea (est.)	...	1178
Number of houses with W.C.'s in area (est.)	...	1246
Number of pails reconstructed as W.C.'s in 1956	...	98
Number of W.C.'s constructed in 1956 for new premises	...	12
FACTORIES ACT, 1937 :—		
Total number on Register (including bakehouses)	...	75
Number of inspections	...	65
Number in which defects remedied	...	5
Number of Notices served	...	4
Bakehouses, number on Register	..	9
Fire Escape Certificates issued	...	2

